

"*Östlund et al.*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,587,174 to Yoshimura et al. (hereafter "*Yoshimura et al.*") on the grounds set forth in paragraph 2 of the Official Action. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants traverse the assertion that the combination of the subject matter set forth in claims 1-12 of *Östlund et al.* in combination with the teachings of *Yoshimura et al.* would have rendered the presently claimed invention obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Moreover, applicants traverse the characterization that the differences between the presently claimed invention and that of claims 1-12 of *Östlund et al.* are "small".

However, in order to expedite prosecution, applicants submit herewith a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) which is believed to obviate the above-noted grounds for rejection.

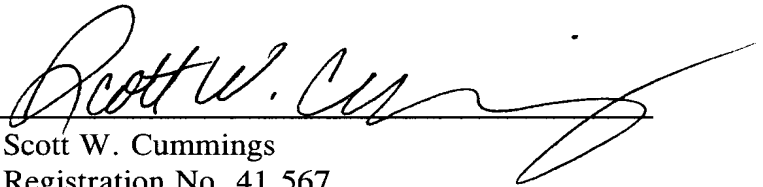
Thus, in light of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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